



Humbleheart Messenger

Contending For The Christian Faith
"THE UNITED CHURCH OF EVOLUTION"

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"But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; and let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?" (Job 12:7-10)

THE CLERGY LETTER PROJECT



We understand the issue of keeping religion out of the public schools. We also realize the popular phrase "Separation of Church and State."

This article is not about rehashing the debate of Creationism vs. Evolutionism or the concept of intelligent design. Some say we are in the midst of a "cultural war." If this is the case then lay down your weapons because the law of our land has already ruled the winner. If peace can only be achieved by victory in "this world," Christianity has lost this cultural battle. Accept your defeat and move on!

I'm not a scientist or a great theologian so I would never assert my views as an expert on either subject. There are people much more qualified than me when it comes to the scientific aspects argued between "Evolutionist Scientists" and "Creationist Scientists." However, my purpose for writing this article is for a much greater concern on my heart as a Pastor of a local Christian Church. So I humbly submit the following for you to consider as fellow Christians, neighbors and citizens in all communities.

As long as the theory of Evolution is taught in our public schools as true science and dogma under the seal of lawmakers and Government, there will be a direct conflict with Bible Believing Christians who disagree. Yet, we must obey the laws of the land (Romans 13). It is first the obligation of the parents, and then Church Pastors and Bible teachers to help our children distinguish between the ways of the world and God's way. Our children and young adults deserve a well-rounded education at home and in school or in schools at home. They must be prepared to function in the midst of the many diverse schools of thought and the increasing multicultural society we have become.

Unfortunately many mainline denominational churches have decided to not only violate the doctrine of "Separation of Church and State" (Which was originally designed to protect the Church from the State), but, at the same time, have turned against God by adopting Evolution as factual truth within the teachings of their Churches as well.

The Pew Forum Study reports that 28% of Evangelical Protestants, 62% of Mainline Protestants, 59% of Roman Catholics "believe in evolution."

This is not so surprising when you visit the home page of a "movement" called "The Clergy Letter Project" on the Internet. The following excerpt from the Clergy Letter Project was posted on their site as an encouragement for Christian Churches and their Clergy to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Charles Darwin February 12, 2009, and the 150th Anniversary of his publication "The Origin of Species."

"Evolution Weekend is an opportunity for serious discussion and reflection on the relationship between religion and science. One important goal is to elevate the quality of the discussion on this critical topic - to move beyond sound bites. A second critical goal is to demonstrate that religious people from many faiths and locations understand that evolution is sound science and poses no problems for their faith. Finally, as with The Clergy Letter itself, which has now been signed by more than 11,500 members of the Christian clergy in the United States, Evolution Weekend makes it clear that those claiming that people must choose between religion and science are creating a false dichotomy." Please join with us and celebrate these events while exploring the fact that religion and science can be compatible. "These events have been remarkably successful with hundreds of congregations around the globe coming together to discuss the compatibility of religion and science."

"The Clergy Letter Project is an endeavor designed to demonstrate that religion and science can be compatible and to elevate the quality of the debate of this Issue."

A "The Clergy Letter Project has been officially endorsed by the United Methodist Church!"

A "The Clergy Letter Project has been officially endorsed by the Southeast Florida Diocese of the Episcopal Church!"

(See for yourself ~ <http://www.butler.edu/clergyproject/Christian>)

However, you need to know that upon viewing the list of nearly 12,000 Clergy members who have signed The Clergy Letter Project, you will find large numbers of Clergy representing the following denominations: United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic, Northern Baptist and Disciples of Christ. Not all of these denominations listed have put forth official statements, resolutions or public acknowledgements concerning evolution or the Clergy Letter Project. It may be their individual Clergy members are signing independently.

Apathy and fear is most likely the cause for this apostasy in several mainline denominational churches. Apostasy (a pahs' tuh see) is the act of rebelling against, forsaking, abandoning, or falling away from what one has believed. Perhaps it is most likely the fear of declining church attendance, the loss of interest with our young people, loss of financial support and being unpopular that tempts some to cave into the world. We have become apathetic, in a sense, by our attitudes of not standing up for what we believe. We will now reap what we've sown. That is, unless we choose to turn things around.

Genesis 1:1 *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* **Genesis 1:31** *"And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."* **Genesis 2:7** *"Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."*

These passages of Scripture in the Book of Genesis are rendered void if you adopt the theory of evolution, and endorse the Clergy Letter Project. We have "one" of two choices, either God created all things, or God is not the Creator. You must choose!

Even a child can understand the difference between God the Creator and the theory of evolution. Did a form of algae evolve into a fish to reptile to furry critter to ape then to "man" as evolution teaches? This is the heart of the issue. Is the endorsement of the Clergy Letter Project and evolution even worthy of an intellectual conversation? After all, they claim it's their goal to intellectually *"elevate the quality of the debate of this Issue."* Only man is created in the image of God to communicate intellectually with God apart from God's heavenly hosts. This is not the same with other living creatures.

More importantly, to those who claim to be both "Christian" and "Evolutionist" where is Jesus Christ in your dual faith and how is He glorified? He is the center of the Christian faith and the only way of salvation! By embracing evolution as true and being compatible with Christ, you are rejecting His Deity and the Holy Trinity, which is a foundational doctrine of the Christian Faith! As John the Baptist would say, "Repent, and turn back to God!" To reject the Bible, God's Holy Word, is the same as saying there is no

God! The Christian has no business dabbling in such a movement like the Clergy Letter Project. The Theory of evolution is a relatively young lie when you consider the age of its "spiritual" author, "Satan." I choose God's Word, not the doctrines of demons. If that means I am too simple minded, intellectually disabled or unable to elevate the quality of the debate, AMEN!

One member of the Clergy Letter Project posted his sample sermon for Evolution Sundays with this opening quote: *"In the beginning was creativity and the creativity was with God, and the creativity was God. All things came into being through the mystery of creativity; apart from creativity nothing would have come into being."* (A.E.Hunt) This is a mockery of John 1:1-3 where the Bible reads, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."* The "Word" is Jesus Christ not creativity.

"THE UNITED CHURCH OF EVOLUTION"

The gathering together of 12,000 Clergy in support of evolution is a movement set apart from Historic Biblical Christianity. By polarizing themselves around the authoritative teachings of Charles Darwin they have become another religious sect. There is Clergy, worship services, sacred writings and sayings, as presented publicly. Hence the title, "The United Church of Evolution" is not that far fetched. Regardless of whatever title will be used, we can know for sure, according to Scripture, this organization is not of God.

"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." (1 Timothy 4:1)

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO THIS INFORMATION?

* First, we should assume the majority of our fellow Christians in our congregations including most of our Clergy members have no idea that their leaders have signed the Clergy Letter Project.

* Second, make no hasty decisions like leaving your Church or calling down the thunder on your Pastor, elders or lay leaders. Be in prayer, Scripture study and keep the love of Christ present in your conversation. Be sure you "personally" understand the Scriptural foundation of your position on creation vs. evolution.

* Third, Seek help from those who are balanced wanting to build up the Church in truth rather than tear it down.

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